

Senate Bill No. 1345

CHAPTER 412

An act to amend Section 653o of the Penal Code, relating to dead animal parts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1345, Calderon. Prohibited importation of dead animal parts.

Existing law, subject to exceptions, makes it an offense to import into this state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of specified animals, including kangaroos. Existing law, until January 1, 2011, provides an exception to these provisions for kangaroos that may be harvested lawfully under Australian national and state law, the federal Endangered Species Act, and applicable international conventions, as specified, with the operation of the exception being contingent upon the Department of Fish and Game being annually informed by the Australian government of specified information pertaining to the commercial harvesting of kangaroos in Australia, as specified.

This bill would require the annual information provided by the Australian government to the Department of Fish and Game to be in writing and to be provided by May 1 for this kangaroo exception to apply. The bill would also revise the information to be provided and extend the repeal date of the exception to January 1, 2016.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 653o of the Penal Code, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 15 of the Statutes of 2009, is amended to read:

653o. (a) It is unlawful to import into this state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of any polar bear, leopard, ocelot, tiger, cheetah, jaguar, sable antelope, wolf (*Canis lupus*), zebra, whale, cobra, python, sea turtle, colobus monkey, kangaroo, vicuna, sea otter, free-roaming feral horse, dolphin or porpoise (*Delphinidae*), Spanish lynx, or elephant.

(b) (1) Commencing January 1, 2015, it shall be unlawful to import into this state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of any crocodile or alligator.

(2) This subdivision shall not be construed to authorize the importation or sale of any alligator or crocodilian species, or any products thereof, that are listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, or to allow the importation or sale of any alligator or crocodilian species, or any products thereof, in violation of any federal law or any international treaty to which the United States is a party.

(c) (1) This section shall not apply to kangaroos that may be harvested lawfully under Australian national and state law, the federal Endangered Species Act of 1971 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), and applicable international conventions, provided that the Department of Fish and Game is annually informed in writing, by May 1, by the Australian government that the commercial harvest of kangaroos in any future year will not exceed the official quota for that year, consistent with Australian national and state law, and of the sustainability principles on which that quota is based.

(2) If the department fails to receive the report described in paragraph (1), the department shall inform the Australian national government that future importation of kangaroos that otherwise may be harvested lawfully under Australian national and state law, the federal Endangered Species Act of 1971 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), and applicable international conventions shall be halted and their importation into this state for commercial purposes, possession with intent to sell, or sale within the state will be subject to the provisions of this section.

(d) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months, or both that fine and imprisonment, for each violation.

(e) The prohibitions against importation for commercial purposes, possession with intent to sell, and sale of the species listed in this section are severable. A finding of the invalidity of any one or more prohibitions shall not affect the validity of any remaining prohibitions.

(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2016, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2016, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 2. Section 653o of the Penal Code, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 15 of the Statutes of 2009, is amended to read:

653o. (a) It is unlawful to import into this state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of any polar bear, leopard, ocelot, tiger, cheetah, jaguar, sable antelope, wolf (*Canis lupus*), zebra, whale, cobra, python, sea turtle, colobus monkey, kangaroo, vicuna, sea otter, free-roaming feral horse, dolphin or porpoise (*Delphinidae*), Spanish lynx, or elephant.

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(2) This subdivision shall not be construed to authorize the importation or sale of any alligator or crocodilian species, or any products thereof, that are listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, or to allow the importation or sale of any alligator or crocodilian species, or any products thereof, in violation of any federal law or any international treaty to which the United States is a party.

(c) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months, or both that fine and imprisonment, for each violation.

(d) The prohibitions against importation for commercial purposes, possession with intent to sell, and sale of the species listed in this section are severable. A finding of the invalidity of any one or more prohibitions shall not affect the validity of any remaining prohibitions.

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2016.